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**Cc:** Zito, Kelly[ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV]; Keener, Bill[Keener.Bill@epa.gov]; Harris-Bishop, Rusty[Harris-Bishop.Rusty@epa.gov]  
**From:** Higuchi, Dean  
**Sent:** Sun 8/9/2015 3:41:36 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Latest Statement--Gold King Mine Incident

Thanks for replying, was about to say the same thing you were highlighting Rusty now being on site. Depending on what comes from your meeting tomorrow, guessing we should consider the need of doing our own R9 specific "update" news releases that are run through the JIC for approval on NN and our activities.

Hopefully, they can just do sections for each of the Regions or states in their next update.....

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**From:** Manzanilla, Enrique  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 8, 2015 5:29 PM  
**To:** Kao, Jessica  
**Cc:** Higuchi, Dean; Blumenfeld, Jared; Zito, Kelly; Strauss, Alexis; Zito, Kelly  
**Subject:** Re: Latest Statement--Gold King Mine Incident

I am talking to my counterparts in regions 8 and 6 tomorrow morning and have already flagged the need for a more "comprehensive" update especially as the plume moves into Navajo. I'm hoping this will improve with rusty's help. It begs the creation of at least a "virtuAI" joint info center JIC.

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On Aug 8, 2015, at 8:22 PM, Kao, Jessica <[Kao.Jessica@epa.gov](mailto:Kao.Jessica@epa.gov)> wrote:

Dean, FYI.

My personal view is that while this is fine for what it is, given the plume's movement away from the Animas corridor into the San Juan River and the very active engagement of Navajo reps in today's elected officials call, it would be nice to start adding a more visible, proactive R9 narrative soon.

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Begin forwarded message:

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All. This statement is ready for Congressional contacts now--Region 6 and Region 8 have that covered. It contains the information from this afternoon's briefing. It can issue to media and other contacts later tonight. We'll be ready to answer questions first thing in the morning.

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